Replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 6 shows the cDNA sequence and deduced amino acid sequence of MASP-2 (SEQ ID NOs:3 and 2, respectively).--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 46, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The liver is the primary site of synthesis of C1r, C1s, and MASP-1. Thus, RNA from liver was used as template for RT-PCR with primers deduced from the obtained peptide sequences. First strand synthesis of cDNA was carried out with 1.3 ìg human liver RNA using a First-Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Pharmacia). PCR was performed on this cDNA using degenerate sense and antisense primers derived from the amino acid sequences EYANDQER (SEQ ID NO:4) and KPFTGFEA (SEQ ID NO:5), respectively. The PCR program consisted of 1 cycle with annealing at 50EC; 1 cycle with annealing at 55EC, and 33 cycles with annealing at 60EC. The resulting 300 bp PCR product was cloned into the *E. coli* plasmid pCRII using the TA-cloning kit (InVitrogen) and the nucleotide sequence of the insert was determined.--